



Eleanor Roosevelt 2010 Summer Intern

"I wish we could greatly widen the scope of opportunity given young people to work in different branches of the Government. Many of these interns will go on in government and probably will be some of our best civil service employees. Even if they do not, the experience will make them more conscious of the need for active participation in public affairs in their own communities."

Eleanor Roosevelt, "My Day" July 31, 1943

Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site announces the 2010 Internship Program for students interested in the history and management of historic house museums. This ten-week internship will be awarded to a college student with an outstanding academic record pursuing a museum-related career. Candidates should possess a broad background in history, American studies, and history of decorative arts, women's studies, or museum studies.

Located in the historic Hudson Valley, Val Kill served as a Roosevelt family retreat from 1927 to 1945, and Eleanor Roosevelt's primary home following the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt until her death in 1962. Since 1977, when Congress authorized the establishment of Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, the National Park Service has restored Val Kill Cottage and the surrounding landscape, and acquired a collection of over 5,000 historic objects.

The Summer Intern's duties will include researching and documenting the collection following standard museum practices, working with the archives, and assisting park staff in a variety of preservation projects. The intern is required to prepare a report summarizing the internship experience. Several off-site visits with museum staff may also be included. The Intern is expected to report to work as a full-time professional member of the museum staff. A \$2,000 stipend is available and made possible by a generous grant from the Honoring Eleanor Roosevelt: Preserving Her Val-Kill Home, an official project of the Save America's Treasures Program. The stipend is awarded upon completion of the internship.

The program runs from June 7 to August 13, 2010.
Application deadline is May 15, 2010.



Eleanor Roosevelt at Val Kill Cottage.

Application Procedure.

There are no application forms. A Candidate's typed application should include the following:

1. Name, home and school addresses, and telephone numbers.
2. One confidential letter of academic recommendation sent directly to the Curator.
3. A copy of your transcripts (official copies not needed).
4. An essay of not more than 250 words describing the applicant's career goals, interest in museum work, and reasons for applying to the Internship Program.

Inquiries, correspondence, and all application materials should be addressed to:

Curator
Summer Internship Program
Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites
4097 Albany Post Road
Hyde Park, NY 12538

Notifications will be mailed May 28, 2010.